Foreign Earnings by EPZ Units

4308. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (No: 10 of 1998) suggesting that in the Export Processing Zone units the net foreign exchange earnings during the period 1992-93 to 1995-96 have been negative;

(b) whether any similar analysis of net foreign earnings is available for the subsequent yean and

(c) the meiisures that are proposed to raise the net earnings of foreign exchange from the EPZ units?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (c) According to the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (No: 10 of 1998), units in Export Processing Zones (EPZs) have effected an export of Rs, 9,224.95 crores against an import of Rs. 6,370.11 crores during the period 1992-93 to 1995-96. This represents a net foreign exchange earning of Rs. 2854.84 crores or 45%.

During the subsequent two years i.e. 1996-97 and 1997-98. units in Export Processing Zones have effected an export of Rs. 9156.22 crores against an import of Rs. 5290.41 crores, resulting in net foreign exchange earning of Rs. 3865.81 crores or 73%.

Policy and procedures relating to the EPZ schemes are constantly under review with a view to giving further impetus to exports and raising the net earnings of foreign exchange.

Market Development Assistance

4309. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is market development assistance;

(b) to whom it is given;

(c) who were the beneficiaries during the last two years;

(d) the amount which has been allocated during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRSHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Market Development Assistance is utilised to assist Export Promotion Councils, Grantee Institutions and other exporters in their efforts to promote trade and related activities being undertaken to stimulate and diversify the country's export trade.

(c) A list of beneficiaries for the last two years is enclosed as Statement *(See below)*

(d) An amount of Rs. 30.00 crores has been allocated during the current financial year. __

Statement

List of Beneficieries of Market Development Assistance for the year 1996-97 and 1997-98

(A) ExpcH-t Promotion Councils (EPCs)

1. Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin.
2. Carpet Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
3. Chemical & Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
4. Basic Chemical, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics, EPC, Mumbai.
5. Engineering Export Promotion Coumcil, Calcutta.
6. Electronics & Computer Software EPC^ New Delhi.
7. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi.
8. Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Coumcil, Mumbai.
9. Handloom Export Promotion Council, Madras.
10. Indian Silk Export Promotion Coumcil Madras.
11. Council for Leather Exports, Madras.
12. Plastics Export Promotion Coumcil, Mumbai.
13. Overseas Construction Council of India, New Delhi.
14. Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
15. Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Coumcil, Mumbai.
16. Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

17. Wool & Woolen Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
18. Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council, Mumbai.

(B) Grantee Organisations

19. *Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai.
20. *Indian Diamond Institute, Sural.
21. *Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.
22. *Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi.
23. *Indan Trade Promotion Organisation, New Delhi.
24. **Fedcration of Indian Export Organisation, New Delhi.

(C) Others

25. M/s. Telecommunications Consultants of India Ltd., New Delhi.
26. M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Madras.
27. M/s. IRCON International Ltd., New Delhi.
28. M/s. Consulting Engg. Services Ltd., New Delhi.
29. M/s. Multiprojects & Dev. Ltd., Bangalore.
30. M/s. Asia Foundations & Constructions Ltd., Mumbai.
31. M/s. Oriental Structural Engg. Ltd., New Delhi.
32. M/s. Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), Calcutta.
33. M/s. Gherzi Eastern Ltd., Mumbai.
34. M/s, Stup Consultants Ltd., Mumbai.
35. M/s. Indo-German Promotion Project, New Delhi.
36. M/s. Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.
37. *National Council for Applifid Economic Research, New Delhi.
38. *Fourm of Parliamentarians on Intellectual Property, New Dellhi.
39. M/s. Hussain International, Bhadohi.
40. M/s. Roha Dye Chem. Ltd., Mumbai.
41. M/s. State Trading Corporation, New Delhi.
42. M/s. ICRIER, New Delhi.
43. M/s. Central Electronics Ltd., Sahibabad.
44. M/s. PCP International Ltd., Chandigarh.
45. M/s. R.D. Ram Nath Company, New Delhi.
46. 'Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi.
47. *AII India Management Association(AIMA), New Delhi

कृषि निर्यात में भारत का हिस्सा

4310. **श्री नागमणि**: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विश्व में कृषि उत्पादों के निर्यात में भारत का कितना हिस्सा है;

(ख) क्या कृषि निर्यात का कुल परिमाण अभी भी बहुत कम है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो निर्यात की गई मदों का क्या ब्यौरा है; और

(घ) कृषि निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्णा हेगड़े): (क) और (ख) विश्व बाजार में कृषि उत्पादों के निर्यात में भारत का हिस्सा लगभग 1% है।

(घ) भारत से निर्यातित कृषि उत्पादों में चाय, काफी, कच्चा सूत, चावल(भासमती और गैर बासमती), मोटे अनाज, तम्बाकू, मसाले, काजू, तिल और राम तिल, खाद्य तेल के अर्क, चीनी, उद्यानोत्पाद और पुष्पीत्पाद, ताजे फल और सब्जियां, प्रसंस्कृत फल और रस शामिल हैं।

(ङ) इन उत्पादों के निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए उठाए गए/प्रस्तावित कदमों में से कुछेक कदम निम्नानुसार है:

(i) अच्छी क्वालिटी की रोपण सामग्री के उत्पादन के लिए छोटी और बड़ी पौधशालाएं लगाने के लिए सहायता प्रदान करना, प्रदर्शनों, प्रशिक्षणों और प्रचार के माध्यम से किसालनों की तकनीकी जानकारी का उन्नयन, पुराने फलोद्यानों का नवीकरण, क्षेत्र विस्तार सब्जियों के लिए छोटे टोकरों (मिनीक्टिस) की आपूर्ति और उत्पादकता में सुधार लाना तथा किसानों के प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करना।

*These institutions are assisted for special projects like research work/study and these are also instrumental in accelerating export efforts/promotion.

**Market Development Assistance to FIEO is given for reimbursement to Export Houses/Trading Houses/Star Trading Houses etc. for their export efforts.